

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of creating printing data, which enables a page editing operation and a layout operation to be carried out even if all the parts are not provided, and a system for performing the same. When there exists any unreceived part, an image for editing with a BlankEPS format 118 is created and the page editing operation is performed by using the image for editing with a BlankEPS format 118 as an alternative part for the unreceived part. A ProbeEPS 124 is created for every page as dummy page data, on which the image for editing 118 is still used, on the basis of the result of the page editing operation. A layout operation is performed by using the ProbeEPS 124 as an alternative part for each of the real page data to be output. When the unreceived part (an image to be output 114) is received, the image for editing with a BlankEPS format 118 is replaced with the received image to be output 114.